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DONG SUONG AIRFIELD
DONG SUONG, NORTH VIETNAM
20-49N 105-39E



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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE RECENTLY COMPLETED DONG SUONG AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

16 NM SOUTHWEST OF HANOI

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED THE AIRFIELD TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A RAPID PACE UNTIL A NATURAL SURFACE RUNWAY WAS COMPLETED. SUBSEQUENT PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THE AIRFIELD HAS REVEALED ONLY LIGHT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM GIANT SCALE MISSION S-0142, 12 MAY 1969 REVEALS THE COMPLETION OF AN APPROXIMATE 8280 X 150 FT. NNW/SSE CRUSHED ROCK/NATURAL SURFACE SERVICEABLE RUNWAY. RUNWAY MARKINGS ARE NOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME. SOME OF THE NEW MARKINGS APPEAR VERY LIGHT INDICATING SOME DIFFICULTY IN PLACING THE

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MARKINGS ON NATURAL SURFACING MATERIALS.

NO TAXIWAY, PARKING APRONS, OR HARDSTANDS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN SEVERAL AREAS ADJACENT TO THE AIRFIELD.

5. REMARKS:

IT APPEARS AT THIS TIME THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE DONG SUONG A JET FIGHTER BASE. THE LACK OF SUPPORT FACILITIES, TAXIWAYS, PARKING FACILITIES AND THE NATURAL SURFACE ON THE RUNWAY TEND TO SUPPORT THIS THEORY. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE AN EXCELLENT JET FIGHTER BASE AT HOA LAC AIRFIELD (14.5 NM NNW OF DONG SUONG AIRFIELD). IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DONG SUONG AIRFIELD COULD BE USED AS A JET RECOVERY BASE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING LIMITED OPERATIONS.

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MAP REFERENCE: AMS SERIES L7014 SHEET .6150 IV, 1:50,000

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